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©CIL 17625 *The MISTRESS OF THE WORLD*

Photoplay in six reels

Episode #1 "The Dragon's Claw"

From the novel by Carl Figdor

Directed by Joe May

Author of the photoplay (under Sec. 62)

Famous Players-Lasky Corporation of the U. S.

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"THE MISTRESS OF THE WORLD"

A Series of Four
Paramount Pictures

Number One

"THE DRAGON'S CLAW"

With

MIA MAY

UFA Production
Presented by

Hamilton Theatrical
Corporation

CHARACTERS

Helen Nielsen . . MIA MAY

Hai Fung, King of the Beggars

Dr. Kien Lung

Tsai Tsaih, a slave girl

Ling Po, her sweetheart

Frederick Benson,

Danish Consulate Attache

Ni, father of Kien Lung

The Hermit of Kuan Fu

Father, Ambrosius

THE STORY

HELEN NEILSEN, left an orphan after the death of her mother and the suicide of her father, finds herself faced with a great problem; her father's death has been self-inflicted because he has not dared face the disgrace which would follow when the fact became known that he had sold a certain famous treaty of which he was the guardian, and which he was unable to redeem.

Helen then was faced with the task of securing sufficient money to retrieve this treaty. In her father's diary she finds directions for tracing the fabulous wealth of the Queen of Sheba. The first link in the chain of these directions is held by a hermit in the remote interior of China, so this constitutes her first objective.

Responding to an advertisement she journeys to Canton alone, to become a governess to a Chinese family. On the little river boat traveling up from Shanghai she meets Dr. Kien Lung, returning from Oxford, and he warns her as to what might happen to her and asks her to call on him if she is ever in need of a friend.

Reaching her destination she realizes, too late, that she has been drawn into a trap. She finds herself in the hands of Hai Fung, the Beggar King of Canton. With the help of a slave girl and her lover, Helen is rescued by Kien Lung who almost loses his life by being submitted to fiendish torture. After a series of stirring adventures, Helen, Kien Lung and Frederick Benson, an attache of the Danish Consulate in Canton, cause the capture of the Beggar King and his execution by the headsman on the walls of the city.

With Benson and Dr. Kien Lung, Helen travels on into the heart of the mountains to search for the hermit of Kuan Fu. Finally they find him and Benson learns from him the story of the Queen of Sheba. While Benson is absent from the village, Helen is attacked by the natives. As she tolls the bell calling for help the Hermit gives Benson the jewel which will divulge the hiding place of the treasure, and as he does so, the ruined temple comes crashing down upon them.

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